

Amendments to Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 3 and ending on page 19, line 17, as follows:

-- The computer B30 can be replaced by an image sensing apparatus such as a digital camera, digital video camera or scanner. Fig. 9 illustrates the main components of a digital signature generating system according to a ~~second~~ third embodiment of the invention. An image sensing apparatus 40 is an apparatus having an image sensing unit for sensing the image of a subject. Examples of the apparatus are a digital camera, digital video camera and scanner. A recording medium 41 is a medium on which a program necessary for executing the above-described processing for generating digital signatures has been recorded. In this case, a digital signature of original image data representing an image sensed by the image sensing apparatus can be generated by the IC card 10. --.

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure on page 26 of applicant's specification with the following Abstract of the Disclosure:

-- **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A digital signature generating apparatus generating a digital signature of digital data includes a receiving unit, a secret key setting unit and a digital signature generating unit. The receiving unit receives a first or second command, the first command including information indicating one of a plurality of secret keys. The secret key setting unit sets a first secret key indicated by the first command as a second secret key, if the first command is received by the receiving unit. The digital signature generating unit generates the digital signature of the digital data using the secret key, if the second command is received by the receiving unit. --.